

## YOU ARE THE *HERO* OF YOUR OWN STORY.

The Odyssey is not simply about a Greek war hero, for an odyssey is the journey that each of us must travel through everyday life as we overcome obstacles and temptations in the search to find a homeland filled with peace and joy.

You will be creating your own personal record of your own Odyssey. Please choose from ONE of the following prompts for your personal narrative paragraph.


1. Ithaca was a source of great pride for Odysseus. Explain why your home and hometown are important to you.
2. Telemachus and his father are a good pair. Which of your parents do you think brings out the best in you? What qualities or traits do exhibit when you are with her/him that somehow bring out a more positive image of yourself? Will you grow up to be like her/him?
3. Odysseus had the leadership skills to look ahead, plan ahead, and attempt avoidance of disaster. You are the leader of your life. Name five challenges that await you, the possible problems that will accompany them, and your plan to see the challenge become success.
4. Penelope's devotion to her husband is inspiring. Contrast the loyalty that you have for your friends to the loyalty that you exhibit toward your family. Who gets the best of you—who gets the rest of you? Be careful in answering—really think before replying.
5. Imagine that like the old beggar you could shock everyone by possessing and demonstrating a remarkable athletic ability. What would it be? Under what circumstances would you surprise them?

# Personal Narrative Organizer

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Try using this organizer to help you plan your personal narratives before you write.

Personal Narrative Topic



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Setting Location
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Time Frame





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Main Event

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Emotional Feelings and Reactions




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